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2008 County Population Estimates
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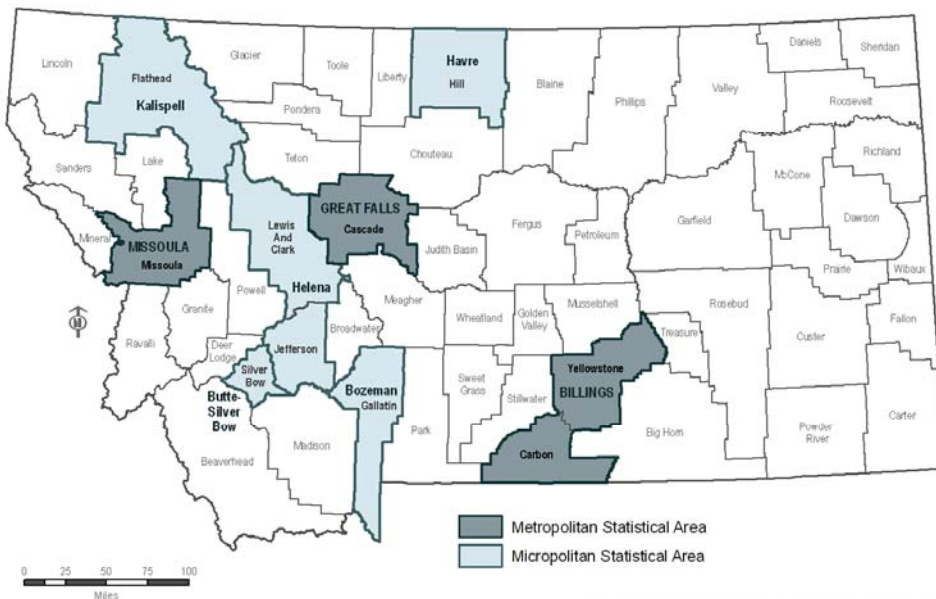
Population Trends in Montana

Between Census Day, April 1, 2000 and July 1, 2008, 96,154 births occurred in the state and 68,168 Montanans passed away. In addition, 36,327 people moved into the Treasure State from other Montana and United States counties. Lastly, 2,178 foreign-born persons became residents in the state. Overall, Montana's population rose 65,250 in 8 years and 3 months, a rate of 7.2%. Births, deaths, and migration are the components of change for populations.

During this same time period, 21 counties realized population increases while 35 lost population. Gallatin County saw 21,993 new residents, a 32.4% increase, which ranked the county 88th nationally. Not surprisingly, the Bozeman Micropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), ranked as the 6th fastest growing MSA in the United States. Nationally, 577 MSAs exist. At the other end of the spectrum, the Havre MSA lost 217 residents, a -1.3% decline, which translated into a ranking of 419th. The five MSAs in Montana are Bozeman, Butte, Havre, Helena and Kalispell. Montana also has three Metropolitan Statistical Areas: Billings, Great Falls and Missoula. See the map for the location of these statistical areas.

Six Fastest Growing Counties in Montana				
	July 1, 2008	April 1, 2000	Percent Change	Rank
Gallatin	89,824	67,831	32.4%	1
Flathead	88,473	74,471	18.8%	2
Ravalli	40,664	36,070	12.7%	3
Missoula	107,320	95,802	12.0%	4
Jefferson	11,255	10,049	12.0%	5
Yellowstone	142,348	129,352	10.0%	6

Montana - Core Based Statistical Areas and Counties

CBSA boundaries and names are as of November 2004. All other boundaries and names are as of January 1, 2002.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, U.S. Census Bureau
Map by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce

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